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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 515 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 515 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/568,702

Examiner

YOSIEF BERHANE

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/22/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/16/2009
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Hong Cho/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2467

DETAILED ACTION

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney David Cho on February 23, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims:

1. The following amended Independent claims (see below) are Allowable: **1**
2. The dependent **claims 2-8** are allowable by virtue of depending from allowable independent claims.
3. Please Amend **Claims 1, 5 and 8** follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for realizing signaling agent based on a media gateway control protocol, comprising:

providing an agent equipment between media gateways and a media gateway controller that locate in different networks, the agent equipment providing signaling agent and network address translation between different networks; and

requesting to register the media gateway controller from a media gateway;
wherein:

for a ~~MGCP/MEGACO~~ Media Gateway Control Protocol or Media Gateway Control (MGCP or MEGACO) signaling sent from the media gateway to the media gateway controller, if not related to media, directly replacing a transaction number by the agent equipment and then forwarding according to domain name in endpoint identifier; and if the ~~MGCP/MEGACO~~ MGCP or MEGACO signaling is related to media, processing a media attribute correspondingly by the agent equipment and then forwarding; and

if the ~~MGCP/MEGACO~~ MGCP or MEGACO signaling is related to media, creating or modifying a corresponding media forwarding port and a forwarding table on the agent equipment after receiving a signaling for establishing or modifying a connection sent to a media gateway from the media gateway controller, replacing relevant information on media in the signaling with information on corresponding network address of the media forwarding port on the agent equipment, and then forwarding the signaling to the media gateway; and

for a ~~MGCP/MEGACO~~ MGCP or MEGACO signaling sent from the media gateway controller to media gateway, sending the request message to corresponding media gateway by the agent equipment according to domain name in endpoint identifier.

2. (Previously Presented) The method for realizing signaling agent based on a media gateway control protocol of claim 1, wherein each of all media gateways under control of same media gateway controller has different domain name, each endpoint identifier includes domain name information of a media gateway, and the media gateway controller distinguishes media gateways according to their domain names in the endpoint identifiers.

3. (Previously Presented) The method for realizing signaling agent based on a media gateway control protocol of claim 1, wherein the step of requesting for registering to the media gateway controller from a media gateway further comprises:

sending a request message for registering to the media gateway controller from the media gateway, and recording message identifier of the media gateway received by the agent equipment to generate a piece of information about the media gateway;

assigning by the agent equipment a new transaction number to the request message for registering to replace original transaction number in the request message for registering;

recording the media gateway sending the request, and then forwarding the request message for registering to the media gateway controller;

registering the media gateway successfully, and then sending a response message for registering to the media gateway from the media gateway controller; and

determining the media gateway by the agent equipment according to the new transaction number in the response message for registering, replacing the new transaction number with the original transaction number, and then forwarding the response message for registering to corresponding media gateway.

4. (Previously Presented) The method for realizing signaling agent based on a media gateway control protocol of claim 1, wherein the step of replacing a transaction number by the agent equipment further comprises:

for each of request messages sent from the media gateway to the media gateway controller, assigning a new transaction number for a request message by the agent equipment, and recording the media gateway sending the request message;

after receiving on the agent equipment a response message for the request message sent by the media gateway controller, finding a corresponding media gateway according to a new transaction number assigned, replacing the new transaction number in the response message with original transaction number, and then forwarding the response message to the corresponding media gateway.

5. (Currently Amended) The method for realizing signaling agent based on a media gateway control protocol of claim 1, wherein the step of processing a ~~MGCP/MEGACO~~ the MGCP or MEGACO signaling that is related to media by the agent equipment further comprises:

creating or modifying a corresponding media forwarding port and a forwarding table on the agent equipment after receiving a signaling for establishing or modifying a connection sent to a media gateway from the media gateway controller; replacing relevant information on media in the signaling with information on corresponding network address of the media forwarding port on the agent equipment, and then forwarding the signaling to the media gateway;

if the signaling is a signaling for creating a connection, further recording on the agent equipment an endpoint identifier of the connection,

modifying the forwarding table of a corresponding media forwarding port on the agent equipment according to a response signaling when the media gateway sends the media gateway controller the response signaling related to media;

replacing media information in the response signaling with information on network address of corresponding media port on the agent equipment, and then sending to the media gateway controller; and

sending a signaling for releasing the connection to the media gateway from the media gateway controller after calling finishes, releasing the corresponding media forwarding port on the agent equipment according to the endpoint identifier, and then forwarding the signaling to the media gateway.

6. (Previously Presented) The method for realizing signaling agent based on a media gateway control protocol of claim 2, wherein the step of requesting for registering to the media gateway controller from a media gateway further comprises:

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sending a request message for registering to the media gateway controller from the media gateway, and recording message identifier of the media gateway received by the agent equipment to generate a piece of information about the media gateway;

assigning by the agent equipment a new transaction number to the request message for registering to replace original transaction number in the request message for registering,

recording the media gateway sending the request, and then forwarding the request message for registering to the media gateway controller;

registering the media gateway successfully, and then sending a response message for registering to the media gateway from the media gateway controller; and

determining the media gateway by the agent equipment according to the new transaction number in the response message for registering, replacing the new transaction number with the original transaction number, and then forwarding the response message for registering to corresponding media gateway.

7. (Previously Presented) The method for realizing signaling agent based on a media gateway control protocol of claim 2, wherein the step of replacing a transaction number by the agent equipment further comprises:

for each of request messages sent from the media gateway to the media gateway controller, assigning a new transaction number for a request message by the agent equipment, and recording the media gateway sending the request message;

after receiving on the agent equipment a response message for the request message sent by the media gateway controller, finding a corresponding media gateway according to a new transaction number assigned, replacing the new transaction number in the response message with original transaction number, and then forwarding the response message to the corresponding media gateway.

8. (Currently Amended) The method for realizing signaling agent based on a media gateway control protocol of claim 2, wherein the step of processing ~~a MGCP/MEGACO~~ the MGCP or MEGACO signaling that is related to media by the agent equipment further comprises:

~~creating or modifying a corresponding media forwarding port and a forwarding table on the agent equipment after receiving a signaling for establishing or modifying a connection sent to a media gateway from the media gateway controller; replacing relevant information on media in the signaling with information on corresponding network address of the media forwarding port on the agent equipment; and then forwarding the signaling to the media gateway;~~

if the signaling is a signal for creating a connection, further recording on the agent equipment an endpoint identifier of the connection,

modifying the forwarding table of a corresponding media forwarding port on the agent equipment according to a response signaling when the media gateway sends the media gateway controller the response signaling related to media;

replacing media information in the response signaling with information on network address of corresponding media port on the agent equipment, and then sending to the media gateway controller; and

sending a signaling for releasing the connection to the media gateway from the media gateway controller after calling finishes, releasing the corresponding media forwarding port on the agent equipment according to the endpoint identifier, and then forwarding the signaling to the media gateway.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yosief Berhane whose telephone number is (571) 270-7164. The examiner can normally be reached at 9:00-6:00 Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pankaj Kumar can be reached at (571) 272-3011. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is. 571-273-8300

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Examiner, Art Unit 2467

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